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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: SCHEDULE

REF: PARIS 36133

1. EMBASSY SHOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH PONTILLON TO ENSURE THAT HE HAS MADE A SERIOUS REQUEST ON BEHALF OF MITTERRAND AND THAT HE WAS NOT SPEAKING ON A PERSONAL BASIS. ONCE WE KNOW WHETHER THERE IS AN ACTUAL REQUEST, WE WILL CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF A MEETING.

2. RE CAEN/BAYEUX PROBLEM DESCRIBED IN PARIS 36202 AND PARIS 36214, THE STRONG FEELING HERE IS THAT WE CANNOT ADD ANOTHER STOP TO THE TRAIN TRIP. OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO INVITE THE MAYOR OF CAEN TO BAYEUX TO BE PRESENT AT THE EVENT THERE, THEN TO JOURNEY ON THE TRAIN TO PARIS TO BE ONE OF THE GUESTS AT THE DINNER AT VERSAILLES. IF THIS

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SORT OF PROPOSAL IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER DROPPING BAYEUX IN FAVOR OF CAEN. PLEASE ADVISE AND PROVIDE A DETAILED SCENARIO WITH WHATEVER EMBASSY AND FRENCH PROPOSE FOR THE NORMANDY VISIT.

3. RE PARA 6 OF PARIS 36214, THE POSSIBILITY OF PRESS STATEMENT AT GARE ST. LAZARE, WE ARE PREPARED TO DROP THIS

IDEA IN LIGHT OF THE FRENCH RELUCTANCE. IF THERE IS ANY PRESS EVENT THERE, IT WOULD BE SPONTANEOUS, WITH ONE OR THE OTHER OR BOTH PRESIDENTS SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AS THEY DEPART THE TRAIN FOR THE MOTORCADE. THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO NEED TO PLAN FOR SUCH A SPONTANEOUS AFFAIR.

4. RE PARA 7 OF PARIS 36214, THE VERSAILLES EVENT, THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION ON TIMING. WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT ARRIVE AT 1945 HOURS AT VERSAILLES. WE ALSO ENVISAGE ARRIVING AT THE VERSAILLES RECEPTION AT 2210 HOURS. HOWEVER, BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING A DETAILED SCENARIO FOR THE ENTIRE VERSAILLES AFFAIR, BEGINNING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL AT 1945 HOURS AND DEPARTING BEFORE 2300 HOURS.

5. SPEECH FORUM. WITH REFERENCE TO PARIS 36125 WOULD YOU PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE SPONSORS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. ALSO WOULD YOU PROVIDE THOUGHTS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING SPONSORSHIP TO INCLUDE ORGANIZATIONS THAT RELATE TO SOCIAL POLICY CONCERNS SINCE PART OF THE SPEECH WILL ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

6. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY (PARIS 36397) VIEW THAT THE BURDEN SHOULD BE ON THE ELYSEE TO ARRANGE FOR THE
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PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH THE MAJORITY FIGURES, INCLUDING CHIRAC. CHRISTOPHER

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